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Sir:

<u>UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b)</u>

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97(b), Applicant brings to the attention of the Patent Office the documents listed on the attached PTO-1449. These references were cited in the parent case co-pending Application No. 09/263,525. This Information Disclosure Statement is being concurrently filed with the new divisional application. In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(d), copies of these documents are not enclosed.

Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner consider the listed documents and evidence that consideration by making appropriate notations on the attached form.

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art." If it should be determined that the cited application does not constitute "prior art" under

United States law, Applicant reserves the right to present to the Office the relevant facts and law

regarding the appropriate status of the cited application.

Applicant further reserves the right to take appropriate action to establish the patentability

of the disclosed invention over the cited application, should the disclosure of the cited

application be used to reject any of the claims in the current application.

Except for issue fees payable under 37 C.F.R. §1.18, the Commissioner is hereby

authorized by this paper to charge any additional fees during the entire pendency of this

application including fees due under 37 C.F.R. §§1.16 and 1.17 which may be required,

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No. 50-0310. This paragraph is intended to be a CONSTRUCTIVE PETITION FOR

EXTENSION OF TIME in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a)(3).

Respectfully submitted,

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